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SUBJECT: CREATION OF TWO NEW CABINET POSITIONS

1. THE GOM ANNOUNCED DEC. 26 THAT PRESIDENT ECHE-
VERRIA WILL SEND TO THE CONGRESS (WHICH HAS ONLY THREE
WORKING DAYS LEFT IN THE CURRENT SESSION) A BILL TO
ELEVATE THE DEPARTMENTS OF 1) TOURISM AND 2) AGRARIAN
AFFAIRS AND COLONIALIZATION (DAAC) INTO SECRETARIATS.

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF
TOURISM IN "OFFSETTING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE
LDCS OF THE SYSTEMATICALLY IMPOVERISHING MECHANISMS"
OF WORLD TRADE AND THE LOGIC OF UPGRADING THE STATUS
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OF THE DAAC AT A TIME WHEN FISCAL REFORM MEASURES ARE

BEING UNDERTAKEN TO INCREASE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO
INVEST IN AGRICULTURE.

3. IN TOURISM AND DAAC, JULIO HIRSCHFELD ALMADA AND AUGUSTO
GOMEZ VILLANEUVA, RESPECTIVELY, WILL RECEIVE APPOINT-
MENTS AS SECRETARIES, BUT WE THINK THEY WILL.

4. COMMENT: IT HAS ALWAYS SEEMED AN ANOMALY THAT
MEXICO, NOTED FOR ITS AGRARIAN REVOLUTION, WOULD GIVE
SECOND RATE STATUS TO THE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION CHARGED
WITH RESOLVING QUESTIONS OF LAND TENANCY. THAT DEFICIENCY
HAS NOW BEEN CORRECTED AND FOLLOWS BY ONLY ONE DAY A
DECLARATION OF SEVERAL CAMPESINO ORGANIZATIONS TO
COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS (SEE SEPTTEL). THIS, TOGETHER
WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT EMPHASIS ON THE MEXICAN
RURAL SECTOR, SUGGEST THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL AND POLITICAL
STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO SOLVE MEXICO'S RURAL PROBLEMS.
LIKEWISE, THE ELEVATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM IS
A LOGICAL STEP, GIVEN MEXICO'S DEPENDENCE UPON THAT
INDUSTRY AS A FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNER. JOVA

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